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The Marion Foundation is presenting a Friday evening lecture and Saturday workshop given by Michael T. Murray, ND, one of the world's leading authorities on natural medicine. He has written widely on the topic, in particular, his *Encyclopedia of Natural Medicine,* and as a consultant to the food industry has been instrumental in bringing effective natural products to America such as glucosamine sulfate, St. John's wort, ginkgo biloba, and saw palmetto, to name a few.

His lectures will cover such topics as contrasting conventional and natural medicine, the four cornerstones of good health, life extension: a natural approach, and natural alternatives for common conditions. The Friday lecture will take place on March 19 from 7:15 to 9:15 pm at Tabor Academy's Center for the Performing Arts on Front Street in Marion.

Saturday's workshop will take place on March 20 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Music Hall on Front Street in the village. The cost for both will be $175 for members or $195 for non-members, pre-paid registration; or the lecture alone is $15 for members and $18 for non-members. Please call the Marion Foundation at 748-0816 for information or to register.

Those wishing to brush up before the lecture and workshop can find Mr. Murray's entire catalog of publications now available at The Bookstall in Marion.

Reflections

A Tree Glows in Rochester

By Barbara Lanagan

Just south of the old closed-up Rochester General Store on Route 105 in Rochester, stands a majestic evergreen whose owners illuminate it year-round. The reasons that this beautiful tree is lit is a mystery to me, but I find such comfort in its light. Many nights as I travel home to Marion from work, I go the back way instead of taking the highway, just to see this tree. It seems to light my way, and maybe that is its purpose.

I guess the first time I noticed this tree, it wasn't Christmas, and that's what peeked my curiosity. It may have been Easter or the Fourth of July, but I remember the smile it gave me as I drove past, the same smile it gives me today. If I've had a really bad day, or maybe life isn't going according to plan, or maybe if I'm just feeling sorry for myself, and I suddenly turn onto that stretch of 105 just south of Plumb Corner, I can guarantee the sight of that tree, adorned with its white lights, will change my mood as well as my heart.

There have been many times I've wanted to stop, pull in the yard, and say "thank you" for sharing this tree with the rest of the world. Maybe even leave a little note on the front door ... but I haven't. I don't even know who lives there, and they certainly don't know me. All I know is that they have, for whatever reason of their own, a tree that glows in Rochester year-round ... and I thank them for it.

On the cover: Rochester Memorial School will begin taking registrations for the 1999-2000 school year the week of March 15. A special Kindergarten Parent Orientation will be held on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:00 pm. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

Cover insert: Michael T. Murray, ND, a leading authority on natural medicine, will be speaking at Marion's Tabor Academy on Friday, March 19 from 7:15 to 9:15 pm. The event is sponsored by the Marion Foundation. Mr. Murray will also conduct a workshop in Marion on the following day.

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

March 2, 1999

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, March 2 at 7:03 pm by Chairman Paul E. Lambalot. Also present were Selectman Michele Bernier, Selectman Barry Denham, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the February 2 and February 9 meetings, the board also approved an application for the annual Square Dances to be held on Holmes Wharf in Mattapoisett from June 26 through August 28, 1999, and a request from Daniel Andrade and Jane Nielson to locate a mobile home on town-property from July 1 through July 14.

At 7:08 pm the board commenced a Public Hearing upon a request from Com/Electric and New England Telephone for a joint pole location on Water Street. The so-called "stub pole" will be used to support a guy wire. Water/Sewer Superintendent William T. Nicholson wrote a letter to the board stating that he and his Board of Water/Sewer Commissioners had no objections to the pole location. There being no other

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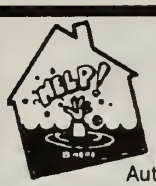

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objections, the board voted to unanimously approve the request.

At 7:30 pm the board met with Karl Honkonen, Buzzards Bay Watershed Team Leader, environmental consultant Brian Howse, and Jeff Gould of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to discuss issues over the Brandt Island neighborhood in Mattapoisett. Mr. Honkonen advised that his group can help the town to address water-quality issues and determine a feasible, affordable solution.

"We have individual wells and individual septic systems that are maybe less than 50 feet apart," Water/Sewer Superintendent William Nicholson said. "There's 116 houses in that area ... and Leisure Shores also needs to be addressed."

"The problem is there's high water tables and poor soil quality," Selectman Denham said. "The lots are 7,000 to 10,000 feet ... this affects almost every single lot in the Brandt Beach area."

Selectmen and Water/Sewer Commissioners suggested that the area is similar to West Island in Fairhaven, which recently was able to solve their problem by constructing a smaller treatment plant to service the 377 homes there.

"Smaller wastewater treatment facilities have been very successful in Massachusetts," said Jeff Gould. "Right now there are anywhere from 60 to 70 facilities in operation in southeastern Massachusetts."

Superintendent Nicholson said they are hoping to

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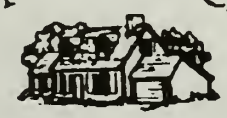

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find whatever solution works the best and is affordable for the town. "We could extend conventional sewerage to Brandt Beach ... and connect them to the treatment plant in Fairhaven," he said. "The Board of Sewer Commissioners has submitted an article for the Annual Town Meeting to fund the design phase. We're looking at less than $2 million to tie sewers into that area."

It was also suggested that the best initial plan of attack would be to conduct some type of feasibility study or cost analysis to see what the best option is for Mattapoisett — either a small treatment facility to service Brandt Island, or running sewer lines to the area to connect to the existing system. "In my mind, before you start you should take inventory of the problem."

"I think we're trying to service people who already live in the area," Chairman Lambalot said. "The town is really making great strides in improving water quality."

At 8:24 pm the board also met with Diane Perry, Chairman of the Commission on Disabilities (COD), who noted that Patricia A. Rogers submitted her resignation from the COD due to health reasons. This now leaves two vacancies on the nine-member COD which need to be filled — one for someone with a disability, and the other for someone without, according to the guidelines set forth in the Massachusetts General Laws. Those interested should send a letter to the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Perry also noted that the COD will be hosting the spring regional meeting on April 21 from 1:00 to 4:00

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pm tentatively slated for Old Hammondtown School. Lastly, Ms. Perry reported that the COD is supportive of appointing Lois Ennis as the town's ADA Coordinator. The board unanimously voted to do so later that evening.

Under incoming correspondence, the board received:

• Notice from Stephen Kelleher, Chairman of the Bicycle Path Study Committee, forwarding a copy of a letter sent to District Highway Director Bernard McCourt. Since the town has been notified that its application for a multi-purpose trail has been selected for funding — with design in 1999 and construction in 2004 — Mr. McCourt is being urged to initiate a kickoff meeting with the Bicycle Path Committee.

• Copy of a letter from Katherine F. Lewis, Director of Land Acquisition and Protection, Department of Environmental Management (DEM), to Bill Charbonneau. Ms. Lewis addresses the issue of construction of a golf course on the Brandt Island property recently purchased by the state. Mr. Charbonneau was advised that a golf course at that location will not be taken into consideration by the state.

• Water/Sewer Commission Chairman James Huntoon forwarded copy of correspondence certifying

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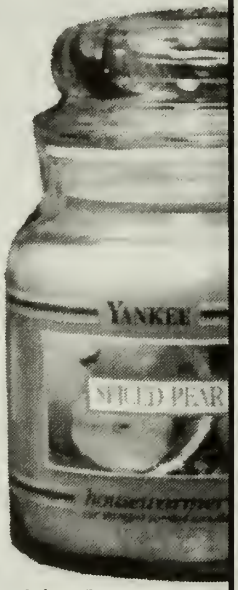

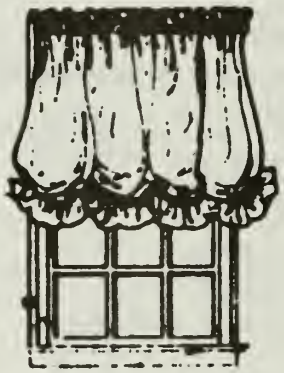

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that $7,870 of Sewer Rate Relief Fund monies have been awarded to the Town of Mattapoisett. These funds will be reflected as sewer rate relief and will help provide a smaller rate increase.

• Receipt of final distribution from the Estate of Ripley Lake Harding in the amount of $5,675.43 which is being donated to the Mattapoisett Public Library.

The board also announced a Water/Sewer Commissioner's Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 pm at Old Hammondtown School regarding a water rate increase; the signing of the SouthCoast emPOWERment Compact will take place on Saturday, March 6 at 1:00 in the Marion Music Hall; and Mattapoisett will hold a Special Town Meeting next Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School.

The Division of Marine Fisheries sent notice that Pine Island Pond is now open to shellfishing and the following areas are closed to shellfishing: Hiller Cove Brook, Cove Creek, Mattapoisett Boatyard, Northwest End of Aucoot Cove, Town Docks, and North End of Mattapoisett River.

The board also discussed Peter Paige's recent request for use of space at the Town Wharf to sell food during the summer months. The board currently rents a space to the Ice Cream Slip, which plans to renew that agreement again this year. But they agreed that some type of policy should be established to make it equitable for all interested vendors.

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"There should be a way to change from time to time ... a system that's fair for all," Selectman Denham said.

"(The Ice Cream Slip) has been paying rent for that space," Selectman Bernier said, "but maybe we should look at awarding the space to top bidder for a three-year period."

The board consented that at this late stage they would allow the Ice Cream Slip to continue with their arrangement but would establish some type of open bidding process for next year. In the meantime, resident Ray Andrews suggested they might offer space near the town beach to Mr. Paige if he's interested. The board said they would send a reply to Mr. Paige with that suggestion.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they voted to go into Executive Session at 8:42 pm and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

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By Ilana L. Mackin

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Chairman Winters opened the meeting with the signing of warrant #36. Water commitments were also approved at $648.58 and $493.60. A nomination was presented to the board for Susan King as Inspector of Animals, which was unanimously approved by all board members as well as the reappointment of Jason O'Connell

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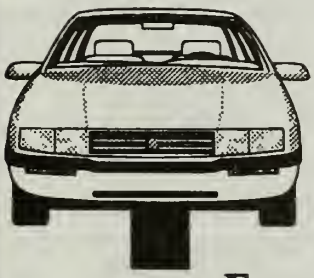

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After approving the minutes of the board's February 23 meeting, Chairman Winters moved on to review the following incoming correspondence for the week:

• Request to use the Music Hall for a memorial gathering this month for the late Olive Harris. Chairman Winters moved to waive the fee for the use of the hall, "for all the wonderful services that Olive provided to the town."

• A copy of the vote of the Old Rochester Regional District School Committee adopted on February 24, 1999 in accordance with Sections 14(d) and 16(d) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws was submitted to the board. Superintendent of Schools Elizabeth A. Quinn explained in this letter that "the vote authorizes debt of the District in the amount of $17 million for the purpose

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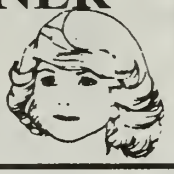

of financing costs of new construction and reconstructioning, equipping, remodeling and making extraordinary repairs to the ORR District High School and Junior High School, including costs incidental and related thereto."

"This goes back a couple of years on the agenda," noted Chairman Winters. "There will be an additional vote on this year's Annual Town Meeting," added Mr. Pickles.

• A letter from Fire Chief George D. Jenney was received "with much regret," added Chairman Winters, who read aloud to the board his formal resignation as Fire Chief and as a member of the Board of Fire Engineers for the department after 49 years. "Mr. Jenney has been in charge of the Fire Department forever it seems," said Selectman Schaefer.

"A lot of people recall (Mr. Jenney) and his father and he will certainly be missed here," Chairman Winters added. Mr. Pickles suggested that a meeting be called sometime after March 23 with the Board of Fire Engineers to discuss the appointment of another Fire Chief in light of this resignation.

• Judith Kleven, Director of the Elizabeth Taber Library, submitted a letter to the board on behalf of the Taber Library Board of Trustees with thanks and appreciation for "the fine work that Jerry Marshall has done for us." Mr. Marshall repaired extensive ceiling damage caused by clogged eaves and went out of his way with time and effort to help them rectify the issues that caused the problem.

• A letter from Marion resident Gordon L. Goodwin was submitted to the board regarding his objection of the proposal to raise the "mooring fees." Mr. Pickles noted that Mr. Goodwin's letter does not accurately represent the situation behind the fees imposed

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on residents and non-residents holding moorings. As a boat owner and a town official he pointed out: "the original concept of the budget was that the harbor would be self-supporting and in order to do this subsequent fees need to be acquired and that includes those from mooring rentals. I have no problem paying these fees and other boat owners should agree." The board agreed that an increase in these fees is a necessity.

• Tess Cederholm, Executive Director of the Sippican Lands Trust, requested permission from the board to once again sponsor an All-Town Cleanup on Saturday, May 1 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Sponsored by the Marion Tree Committee and the Sippican Lands Trust, the "Cleanup Headquarters" will be at Island Wharf where work gloves, trash bags and tree seedlings will be handed out to all participants. "The town has always supported this event effort and will once again provide them with DPW vehicles and containers during those hours," said Mr. Pickles.

• Barbara A. Piselli, Chief of Fair Labor and Business Practices Division, sent a letter "to all awarding authorities" from the Office of the Attorney General, suggesting that they "review their current snow removal

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practices and procedures in order to ensure that they comply with the provisions of the prevailing wage laws." With the snow season coming to an end, this is information the board will take into consideration in future budgeting talks.

• Kevin J. Sullivan, Secretary of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction, notified the board that the Commonwealth has prepared for the transportation systems transmission into the year 2000. This will affect Marion's town time clocks and two traffic lights. While on the subject, Mr. Pickles informed the

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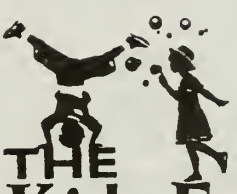

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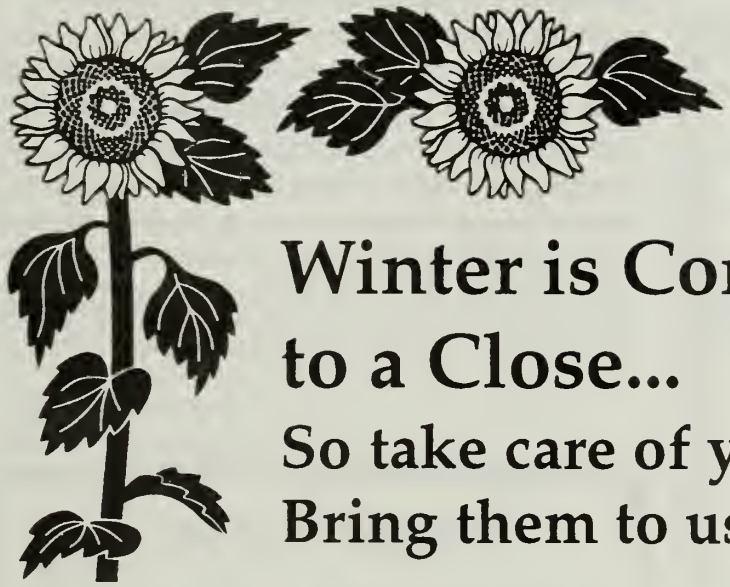

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board that the March 19 meeting regarding the Y2K compliance is in order and that he anticipates the town will only suffer from "a brief interruption ... will probably be the worst of the effects we will suffer."

With no further correspondence to come before the board at 8:30 pm, Chairman Winters provided a detailed summary of his attendance at a recent meeting regarding the Ultimate Cable Service presented by Gordon Champion, Public Liaison for the Massachusetts Cable Commission. Mr. Champion works to walk each town through the process and acts as a state regulator. Mr. Champion advised all towns to seek a second provider option for video services.

Chairman Winters informed the board of another company called RCN who is the only company who is willing to compete with the currently-contracted company, MediaOne. If enough towns become interested and are willing to write a written proposed contract to RCN, they may consider providing beneficial packages for area towns. Chairman Winters said that this is something worth pursuing for the town, but everyone must also take into consideration that there are always the risks in the quality of services you get for the price you pay. The other board members agreed to take his suggestion under advisement.

With one last additional order of business to come before the board, Chairman Winters presented a Flushing Schedule from DPW Superintendent Robert C. Zora: the Spring Flushing Program will begin Monday, March 29 and will take approximately six weeks to complete.

At 8:45 pm with no further business to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

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A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, March 1 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Richard Cutler. Also present were Selectman Naida Parker, Selectman Patricia Ryan, Executive Secretary James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the February 22 meeting, the board met with Chief Dispatcher Kathy O'Brien at 7:05 pm and her recommended candidate for appointment as a new town dispatcher, Melissa Trahan. "(Ms. Trahan) is a resident of Rochester ... and although she has no previous experience with dispatching, she has worked in customer service and has computer experience," Ms. O'Brien said. "She's available in town and (can be) trained."

Ms. Trahan added that the odd job hours are perfect for her schedule in raising two children. "The job hours are ideal ... and I'd like to become involved with the community," she said. "I'm looking for something long-term and I'd prefer to work weekends and nights. The hours are ideal."

With that, the board unanimously voted to appoint Ms. Trahan as a part-time dispatcher with the Rochester Communications Department, with a term to expire on April 30, 2000.

At 7:10 pm the board met with Susan Adams and members of the Rochester Historic District Study Committee to hear an update on their plans to establish an historic district in the town center. "We're recommending (Rochester) town center be established as an historic district," Ms. Adams said. "It's the single largest area of town with a concentration of historic buildings. We've filed our study with the Massachusetts Historical Commission ... which now gives us 60 days to hold a Public Hearing and gather public input. We'll be holding a public meeting on May 5 and we plan to submit an article on the Town Meeting warrant."

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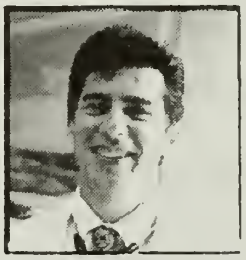

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The board and committee members agreed that this was a worthwhile pursuit, and consented that often residents misunderstand the idea behind historic designations — a key advantage of which is to increase the town's grant eligibility for funding future projects. "Historic districts don't prevent growth and they don't prevent change," Ms. Adams said. "But we hope that whatever changes are made stay within the character of the historic district. This town has a lot of history in it ... it's one of the oldest rural communities in Massachusetts."

Now that the Historic District Study is complete and has been filed with the state, the committee will plan to get the word out to residents about the project and will prepare for the May 5 Public Hearing and subsequent Town Meeting vote.

At 7:15 pm the board met with Dianne C. Wood to discuss an idea to celebrate the new millennium in the year 2000. "I had an epiphany in reading that Dartmouth is planning to celebrate the year 2000," Ms. Wood said. "I'd like to ask that you consider forming a committee to oversee a (similar) project in Rochester. I envision having a summer-long festival or celebration ... including an update of the town's history (from mid-nineteenth century to the present). Not a huge, expensive project — but something of a homegrown celebration."

Chairman Cutler suggested they might look into starting a fund for this purpose and that the state allows communities to put money aside for such purposes under a "Centennial Fund" for town-wide celebrations.

The board was agreeable to the idea and

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unanimously voted to first seek funding for the event — either through a Town Meeting vote or other sources — and then establish a committee to oversee the celebration under Ms. Wood's guidance, whom they appointed as chairman. Those interested in serving on the committee should submit their names to Dianne C. Wood, c/o Rochester Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770.

In other matters, the board:

• Accepted the resignation of Rick Charron from the Public Safety Building Committee. Chairman Cutler advised Mr. Charron resigned so he could be considered to work on the project.

• Unanimously approved an exemption for Tracy Berche under Massachusetts General Laws Section 20F (Conflict of Interest Law) to allow her to work for the Fire Department as an EMT while retaining her position with the Communications Department.

• Requested that Arthur Limeburger be invited to attend their meeting on March 15 to formally receive the Boston Post Cane as the town's oldest U.S. citizen currently residing in Rochester.

• Voted to allow Executive Secretary James Huntoon to look into having a Feasibility Study conducted to possibly renegotiate the town's water rights agreements with both the City of New Bedford and the Town of Marion. "The agreements (with Marion and New Bedford) aren't fair in my opinion," Mr. Huntoon said. "I've talked with consultants at Earth Tech ... they are experienced in finding ways to renegotiate agreements with the source town that are more equitable."

• Voted to allow the rotation list of area towing companies used by the Police Department remain as-is, with the sole addition of Joel Amaral, who works in Rochester. "I met with (Police Chief) Walter Denham," said Mr. Huntoon. "And he doesn't see the need for changing the policy, except adding (Mr. Amaral). We have a written policy that seems to be working."

• Once again requested a detailed schedule of shift coverage from Police Chief Walter Denham. "I've been patiently waiting for a schedule from Chief Denham and I'm getting annoyed," Selectman Ryan said. "I *will not* vote to appoint a (new police) sergeant until I see how

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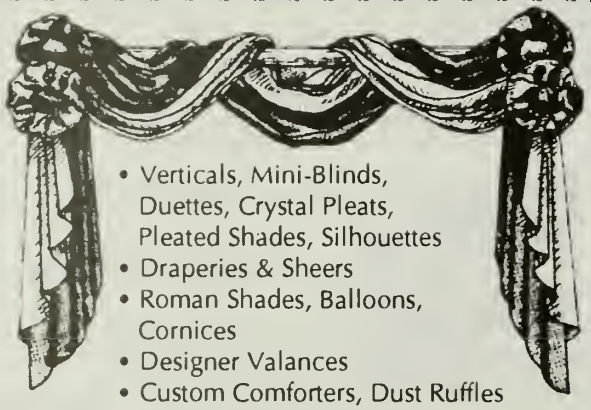

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they are going to be utilized."

In a related matter, the board also wanted to make it clear to Chief Denham that the selection of people for the interview process for sergeant is a joint effort between the Board of Selectmen and the Chief of Police.

• Unanimously voted to grant a one-year license to Paul Lund for use of town-owned property as access to his campground on Mary's Pond, but not without reservations. "My big concern is what kind of liability do we have with allowing his campers to enter over town property?" Selectman Ryan asked. "He does have another route of access ... but he'd have to move one campsite."

• Voted to reappoint Robin Prezner as the town's Inspector of Animals for a one-year term.

• Unanimously voted to turn over a portion of Route 58 to the state for the purposes of maintenance and snow removal. The towns of Rochester, Carver and Wareham had previously split the duties prior to this change.

• Voted to send a strong letter of support to local legislators on behalf of Chapter 90 Highway monies which are allocated to area towns. "I think any public works projects are at risk while the 'Big Dig' in Boston continues," Chairman Cutler said.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:46 pm.

Telemarketers Banned From Fund Raising

A warning to area residents: three telemarketers have been banned from future charitable fund raising in Massachusetts and were ordered to pay $200,000 in civil penalties for allegedly defrauding donors of millions of dollars in at least 41 cities and towns. Attorney General Scott Harshbarger's Public Charities Division obtained a default judgment in Suffolk Superior Court against

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Families and individuals can prepare for the summer boating season by joining the classes in Boating Skills and Seamanship offered by the Marion Flotilla of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at Sippican, Inc. on Route 6 in Marion. Registration will be held from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, March 31, and classes will begin at 7:00 pm on April 7 and continue through April and May.

Young people who want to meet the state requirements for those under 16 operating a power boat alone, those who wish to qualify for the discounts offered by some insurance companies, to those who have successfully completed a basic safe boating course, and new boaters and those who wish to refresh their skills are welcomed.

For more information, please contact Brian Dunn at 748-6607 or Joan Andersen at 758-3545.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

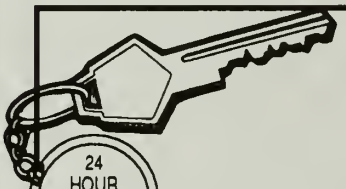
COA Openings

There will be four openings on the Mattapoisett Council on Aging in April, three for a term of three years, and one for two years to fill an unexpired term.

The COA is a department of the town and members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The council is a working board of eleven members whose purpose is to identify the needs of all elders, to educate and enlist the support of the community, and to design, advocate for and implement the services to fill those needs.

The COA meets every second Tuesday of the month in the Mattapoisett Senior Center at 9:30 am. Any resident interested in serving should write to Jo Pannell, Chairman, Mattapoisett Council on Aging, c/o Town Hall, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Representative Straus



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Representative William Straus will be at the Senior Center on Friday, March 5 at 10:30 am.

Tri-County Concert

The Senior Van will be going to the Tri-County Concert on Sunday, March 14 provided there are ten people. Please call the COA at 758-4110 to sign up.

Podiatrist

Dr. Crowe will be at Village Court on April 7. Please call the COA at 758-4110 to set up an appointment.

Craft Volunteers

The COA needs volunteers to take craft items to nursing homes once a month. If you could help out, please call 758-4110 and talk to Cynthia.

Tax Assistance

Tax time is here again and the tax preparer will be available every Monday by appointment. Please call 758-4110 to make an appointment.

Mystery Lunch

The next Mystery Lunch will be held on Friday, March 12 at 1:00 pm. Please call 758-4110 soon so you don't miss out on this trip.

SHINE Counselor

The SHINE Counselor is available on Monday, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Senior Center. No appointment is necessary.

Marion Pinewood Derby Winners

The Marion Cub Scout Pack 32 held a Pinewood Derby on Saturday, February 27 at Sippican Elementary School. The results were as follows:

• Trophy Winners - First Place: Conor Brown; Second Place: Kevin Walsh; Third Place: Alex Duane; Fourth Place: Andrew Dion; Fifth Place: Jacob Litke; Sixth Place: Adam Gibbs; Seventh Place: Steven Barry; Eighth Place: Tucker Johnson; Sportsmanship Trophy: Craig Berquist; Originality: Sam Mitchell; Best Design: James Kearns.

• Consolation Round Winners - Ryan Burke, Colin Geil, John Daniels, Tyler Molander, Ben Dion.

• Tiger Cub and Dad Race - First Place Trophy: Riley Strand and Dad Roy; Second Place Trophy: Sean Packard and Dad Brian.

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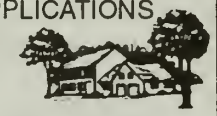

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• Community Division Race - First Place Trophy: Peter Hulton; Runner-Up Trophy: Laura Duane.

EmPOWERment Compact Signing

The SouthCoast EmPOWERment group will have a signing ceremony which officially creates the SouthCoast EmPOWERment Compact on Saturday, March 6 at 1:00 pm at the Music Hall in Marion (corner of Spring and Cottage Streets). SouthCoast EmPOWERment is a group of eight towns — Acushnet, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Dartmouth, Westport and Freetown — who have joined together in an effort to negotiate favorable electricity rates.

Blood Pressure Clinics

Blood Pressure Clinics for the month of March will be held on Wednesday, March 10 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and on Wednesday, March 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Clinics are held at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street and are open to all Mattapoisett residents.

Sippican Seniors

The next regular meeting of the Sippican Seniors will be held at 1:30 pm on Friday, March 12 at the VFW Pavilion on Route 6 in Marion. The seniors will be entertained by Miranda the Magician followed by refreshments under the chairmanship of Gertrude Morse and her helpers.

The Executive Board will meet at 9:30 am on Monday, March 8 at the Drop-In Center in Marion.

Lenten Services at St. Joseph's

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the warm weather of spring, St. Joseph's Church of Fairhaven extends an invitation for all to participate in prayer and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, as the Catholic Church moves toward the Easter Celebration.

The forty days of Lent are not only a time for prayers, fasting and almsgiving, but also to bring Christians closer to the risen Lord. St. Joseph's will have various opportunities to engage in the observation of Lent.

Each weekday there is an 8:00 am and 7:00 pm Mass. On the weekend, there are five Masses beginning with the 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm Masses on Saturday and on Sunday there is an 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses, with the children's Mass at 11:00 am.

On Friday evenings just before the 7:00 pm daily Mass there is a special evening of prayer beginning at 6:45 pm.

All religious services are held in the church, located at Adams and Spring Streets. In this Lenten season we are called to open our minds and hearts to understand the precious gift of life we share with our family and community. St. Joseph's, a Catholic community called by God to love, witness, evangelize, and serve, welcomes everyone to also share that precious gift with the Lord.

Acushnet Census Forms

Acushnet Town Clerk Richard Threlfall is requesting the return of all 1999 Voter Registration and Street Listing forms. These forms which were mailed to each household on February 1 is also called "The Census Forms." This information is important for Federal and State grants and other types of state aid. The census information is also used for future planning by all branches of Town Government.

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Any resident who has not received a Census Form or needs help filling out their form should call the Town Clerk's office at 998-0215. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mattapoisett Girls Softball

Sign ups for Girls Softball (Grades 4 to 8) will be in the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Art Department on Thursday, March 4 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact John Haley at 758-4587.

Mattapoisett Little League

Sign ups for the Little League and Minor League (Grades 3 to 6) will be held in the Old Hammondtown School Cafeteria on Thursday, March 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact John Haley at 758-4587.

Cushing Cemetery Reminder

Notice to all owners of Cushing Cemetery grave sites: all wreaths and Christmas decorations and weathered artificial flowers and old baskets will be removed by March 15, 1999.

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Mattapoisett Board of Assessors

The Mattapoisett Assessors Office is working on the Fiscal Year 2000 Revaluation. The revaluation is based on sales that occurred in the calendar year 1998. Recently, they mailed forms to commercial and industrial property owners and businesses. They appreciate your cooperation in completing the forms. The information assists their office in determining fair and accurate assessments.

The office will be conducting fieldwork during the week of March 8 through March 12. During these days the Assessors Office will be open between 8:00 and 8:30 am and 3:30 and 4:00 pm. The office will also be open the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm for the regular Board of Assessors meeting.

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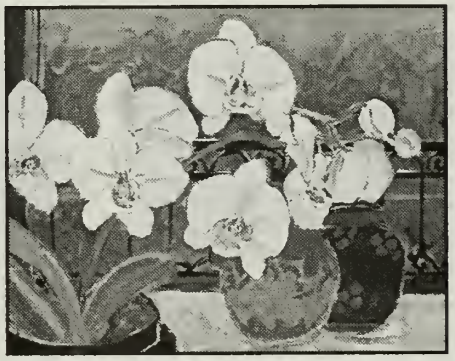

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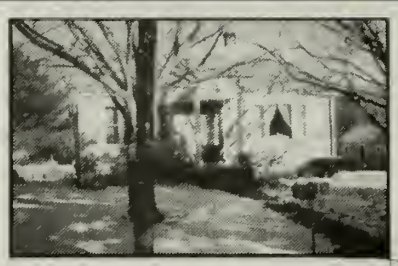

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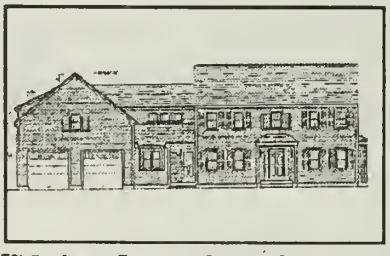

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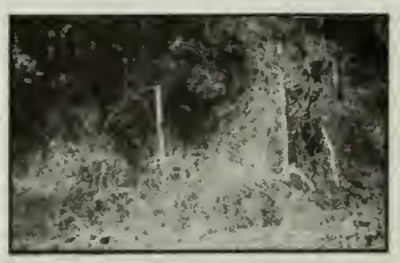

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The story of *Carousel* is set in a New England seaside town of the 1890's. Outstanding sets and costumes will transport you back in time while Tim Evans as Billy, Andrea Caron as Julie, and Courtney Wicker as Carrie tug at your heartstrings. More talented students round out the spirited cast. Director Paul Sardinha is assisted by musical director Steven Rogers and choreographer Kitty Martin, a live orchestra, and many willing backstage hands from the local community. Mark your calendar now to attend Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel* at ORR High School on March 18, 19 and 20.

Friends of Old Rochester Music

The instrumental concert featuring the concert bands from all the elementary schools, the junior high school, and the high school will be presented on Thursday, March 4 at 6:30 pm. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for students and seniors, with a "family" ticket for $12 also available. The purchase of a ticket for the instrumental concert can also be used for admission to the choral concert, again featuring the choral groups from all

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of the regional district schools, which will be presented on Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30 pm. The proceeds from the concerts benefit the scholarship fund for FORM.

Mattapoisett's Maconchu Club

The Maconchu Club of Mattapoisett plans to attend the Saturday, March 20 performance of the popular musical *Carousel* which will be presented by the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club. Please call Peg Olney at 758-3069 for tickets to the evening performance if you'd like to attend.

Reminder: there will be no March board meeting of the Maconchu Club.

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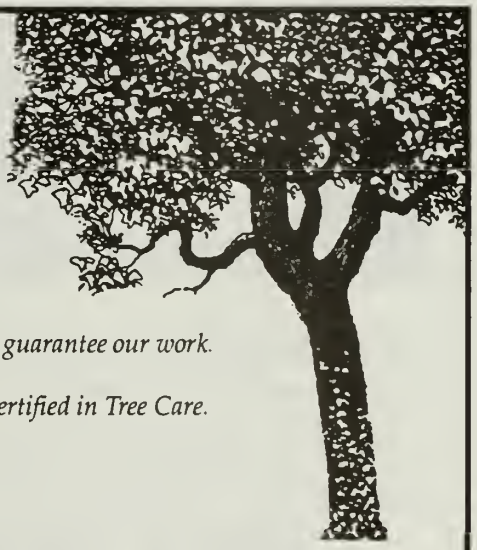

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Acushnet Town Election

If you are not a registered voter, the last day to register for the upcoming Annual Town Election held on April 5, 1999 will be Monday, March 15. The Town Clerk's Office will be open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Monday, March 15 for voter registration. All new residents and residents who have changed address within the town should register with the Town Clerk. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's office at 998-0215.

ORR Adult Evening Courses

The Old Rochester Regional School District is pleased to offer the following evening courses to the adult residents of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. A fee of $30 will be charged so that this program can be self-supporting. Class size is limited to 15. Classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis from paid registrations. Completed registrations and checks should be sent to: Superintendent's Office, ORR, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, Attn: Adult Education Program. The courses include:

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• Introduction to Microsoft Excel - This course will provide an introduction to Microsoft Excel as an information management tool. You will learn to build and edit basic spreadsheets. You will also learn about some of Excel's powerful built-in functions. Although this course will be taught on PCs, the Excel skills you will learn are easily-transferable to the Mac. April 13, April 15, April 27, April 29, May 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the High School Business Lab.

• Internet for Beginners - This course will help beginners master the basics of exploring the Internet using a web browser. No previous Internet experience is necessary. Although this class will be taught on Macs, the web browser and search skills you will learn are easily-transferable to the PC environment. March 24, March 31, April 7, April 14, April 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Junior High Computer Lab.

Mattapoisett Seniors Club

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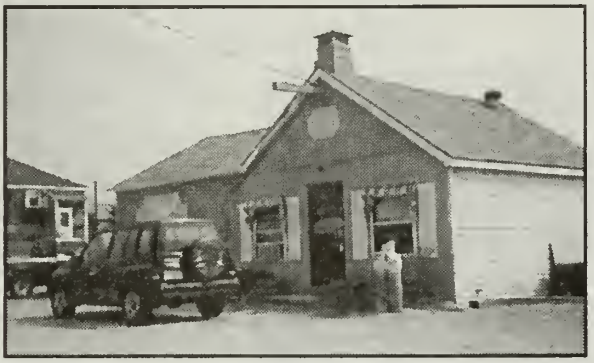

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Kiwanis Club Benefit

A benefit Spaghetti Supper sponsored by the Fairhaven/Mattapoisett Kiwanis Club will be held on Friday, March 19 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. The menu will include spaghetti with meatless sauce with/without meatballs, antipasto, and beverage. Tickets are $6 for adults, $3 for children, and FREE for tots under 5 years. Proceeds will benefit the Barry Van Fund (a new handicapped vehicle for the Barry family). Tickets will be available at the door or may be obtained by calling President Jeff Medeiros at 992-9098, Bill Vining at 993-2461, or Dave Roderick at 992-1522.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, March 18 at 12:00 noon in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Hostesses Lorraine Carr and Jean Boyden along with their tea committee will prepare a fine luncheon for members and guests.

Following the business meeting, Mr. Arthur Bennett will present a program featuring the history and restoration of the Paul Revere Sign on Route 195 in New Bedford. This topic will be of great interest to many area women. All area women are welcome to attend this meeting as guests or prospective members. For further information, please contact Judy at 748-9505.

Quit Smoking Program

Have you decided it's time to stop smoking? If so, then register for "A Breath of Fresh Air," a free quit-smoking program to be held at the St. Luke's Hospital site of the SouthCoast Hospitals Group. The program will be held on Tuesday, March 9 at 3:00 pm; Tuesday, March 16 at 2:00 pm; Thursday, March 18 at 2:00 pm; Tuesday, March 23 at 2:00 pm; and Tuesday, March 30 at 2:00 pm. To register, please call Suzanne Petrone, SouthCoast Hospitals Group, at (508) 961-5505. The program is

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Census Forms

Please return your 1999 Census Forms ASAP. Make any necessary corrections to your census form and return it by mail, fax (758-3030), phone (758-4103), in person, or by leaving it in the mail slot in the front of the Mattapoisett Town Hall. At the same time you may order your 1999 dog license using the form included with the census mailing.

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Bereavement Program in Rochester

Hearts & Hands would like to extend an invitation to join them for their Bereavement Program beginning March 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The program will be held on Tuesday evenings for six weeks at 707 North Avenue in Rochester.

This is an opportunity for parents who have lost a child to come together for information about the impact of the loss of a child, helpful ways to cope and for parents to know that they are not alone at this most difficult time. If you would like more information or to pre-register, please call the office at 763-9703 or 763-9705.

Church Custodian Wanted

A part-time custodian is wanted at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The position is 24 hours per week and Sunday mornings are required. If interested, please contact the church office at 758-2671 between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday, or call Bill Armitage at 758-2290.

Mattapoisett Ham and Bean Supper

The Florence Eastman Post 280 American Legion will hold its first Ham and Bean Supper of the new year on Saturday, March 13 at 5:00 pm at Post Headquarters on Depot Street. Tickets are available by calling John N. DeCosta at 758-2310 or from any other Legion member. Please come and support your local veterans' organization.

Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers

The Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers Square and Round Dance Club's next dance will be held on Saturday, March 6 from 8:00 to 10:30 pm at the Acushnet Elementary School on Middle Road in Acushnet. The level will be mainstream-plus. For more information, please call 995-2209.

Mattapoisett Historical Museum

Summer Art Show

The grounds of the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House located at 5 Church Street in Mattapoisett will be the site of a Summer Art Show to be held on Saturday, July 17 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (rain date: July 18).

The call goes out to local artists to submit entries for the show. Two entries per person of original art works will be considered. Flyers and entry forms will be available at various local art galleries and art associations after April 1. Deadline for entries is June 25. For further information, please call 758-2844.

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The Mattapoisett Historical Society has two major projects in the works and is looking for people interested in assisting. Membership in the Historical Society is not a requirement for volunteering.

This summer, the major exhibit at the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House will focus on the history of the Wampanoag of our area. They are looking for people who have knowledge in this area, have artifacts, or are interested in helping put together a meaningful exhibit.

The other project for which they are seeking help relates to personal memories of earlier days in Mattapoisett. They are anxious to document as many stories from your memories as well as those which may have been passed down from relatives. At the time of the bicentennial, Bea Johnson and a group taped conversations with many of the Senior Citizens of the 70's and the Society wants to continue that project in order to document that kind of information for future generations.

So, Historical Society member or not, if anyone is interested in helping with either project, please call the Mattapoisett Historical Museum at 758-2844.

Fin, Fur and Feather Club

The Fin, Fur and Feather Club invites the public to join the members at a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, March 20 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the clubhouse, 35 Crystal Spring Road in Mattapoisett. Donation is $6 per person. For tickets please call Walt Gajewski at 763-2706 or Gilly Costa at 763-5664; they will also be on sale at the door. The public is also welcome for trapshooting every Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, weather-permitting, for $2.50 per round.

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Concert Band Performance at UMass

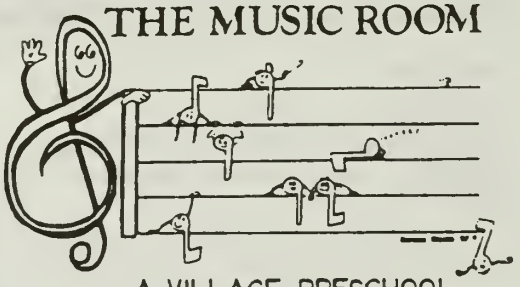
On Sunday, March 14 at 3:00 pm in the main auditorium of UMass Dartmouth, Our Lady of Light Band (Banda Nossa Senhora da Luz) of Fall River and the Tri-County Symphonic Band join forces to present an afternoon of traditional concert music. Tickets are available at The Shawmut Diner in New Bedford, The Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth, and The Bookstall in Marion, as well as from Our Lady of Light Band headquarters in Fall River. Tickets purchased at the outlets before the concert are $5 for adults, children and students are FREE. Tickets at the door will be $10 for adults.

Each of these concert bands is a tradition in its own right. Under the direction of Mr. George Dietzler, the Tri-County Symphonic Band is in its 37th concert season bringing music in the style of the American concert band made famous by conductors like John Philip Sousa and Edwin Franko Goldman.

For 30 years since 1969, Our Lady of Light Band has been carrying on the heritage of philharmonic brass bands. Under the direction of Mr. Manuel Canito, experienced musicians work with younger band members to pass along an appreciation of the music and the important part it plays in the culture of the Portuguese people.

The program selections cover a wide range of musical experience with Mr. Canito having chosen such numbers as Franz von Suppe's overture, "The Beautiful Galatea" plus Gustav Holst's "First Suite in E Flat" contrasted with Sousa's "Hail to the Spirit of Liberty" march and much more. Mr. Dietzler will conduct selections from Dillon Bustin's "Sailing Alone" as arranged for band by Gary Zwicky. This piece was specifically composed in honor of Joshua Slocum on the one-hundredth anniversary of his voyage around the world. In addition, the band will present Kenneth Alford's "H.M. Jollies March," Calvin Custer's overture on "Break Forth Thou Wondrous Heavenly Light," and, for contrast, selections from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera" and much more. Both bands will join to play original march compositions by the two directors.

The concert is made possible in part by grants from local cultural councils in Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Acushnet, Marion, Carver, Rochester and Wareham, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Mark your calendars and get your tickets now for this gala event — the whole family will enjoy it!



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Russell Memorial Library

Pre-School Story Hour

Registrations are now being accepted for Pre-School Story Hour to be held on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:15 am for Acushnet residents, ages 3 to 5. Parents are asked to remain at the library during the entire session and will help their child with a simple craft. Following are the dates and subjects of the sessions:

March 10 - Creepy Crawly Things; March 17 - Top o' the Day; March 24 - Easter Eggs; April 7 - Mice Are Nice; April 14 - Tweet! Tweet! Tweet!; April 28 - Barking Dogs.

Internet Access

Patrons may access their children's homework assignments from the Ford Middle School on the Internet at one of the library's computers.

Zoo Passes

The Russell Memorial Library in Acushnet now has passes available for the Roger Williams Zoo. These passes are available year-round. Upon presentation of the library pass to the zoo cashier, any combination of four adults and/or children will pay only the discount rate for admission. The rate is $1.75 per child (3 to 12) and senior (62 and up), and $3 per adult.

Mattapoisett PTA Fund-Raiser

On Monday, March 15, the Fairhaven Papa Gino's Restaurant will hold a family fund-raising night for the Mattapoisett PTA. A portion of the restaurant's receipts from 5:00 until 10:00 pm will be donated to the PTA. Take-out orders also count towards the total.

Rochester Historical Survey

The Rochester Historical Commission spent most of 1998 on an exciting journey down memory lane into Rochester's past as they reviewed old newspaper clippings, photographs, and memoirs of Rochester's ancestors gathering historical data. A survey, including a narrative history, was received from the Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. of Pawtucket, RI in August. The commission members corrected, copied, sorted, and organized the report, integrating old, updated records with the new. The resulting historical report was presented to the Joseph Plumb Memorial Library in December and is available for public use. Binders for the report were supplied by the Rochester Historical Society.

Although the original purpose of the project was to provide the town with data to allow effective and consistent historic presentation planning, the commission invites all to join them on their journey into Rochester's past. The Rochester Historical Commission will continue to survey worthy historic properties, adding to the report as data is collected. They welcome any information or photographs others are willing to share. The commission's hope is to educate the current residents about Rochester's rich heritage with the aim to preserve the town's assets for future generations. Photos and other contributions may be sent to the Rochester Historical Commission c/o Town Hall.

Hypnotherapy for Smokers

The PACT Program and the Old Rochester Regional High School are teaming up to bring Marcia Richards back to the SouthCoast area to facilitate two free workshops which include hypnotherapy and guided imagery for smokers wishing to quit. Marcia Richards, DTS, CHt, is a certified clinical hypnotherapist experienced in facilitating quit smoking programs for individuals and groups.

Marcia facilitated two workshops last November in Acushnet. Participants from those workshops have been calling the PACT Program to request a "repeat performance" to reinforce their new non-smoking lifestyle and to bring some of their friends and family members as well.

The PACT Program will sponsor the first workshop to be held on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm in the Sippican Shop on Spring Street in Marion. Judith Coykendall, Director of the PACT Program, said: "Noreen Nolan, owner of the Sippican Shop, expressed interest in hosting a quit smoking workshop and hypnotherapy session. Since we usually use schools and public buildings for these events, it seemed like a great idea to offer one in a different setting. When Noreen generously offered the use of the Sippican Shop, it seemed like the perfect opportunity to try something different."

A quit smoking support group series called "Independence from Tobacco" will also be offered in the weeks following the March 10 workshop. The PACT Program will also sponsor this series which will be held in a classroom at Old Rochester Regional High School on the following Wednesday evenings: March 17, March 24, March 31, and April 7.

The final night of the series will feature Ms. Richards once again facilitating a workshop and hypnotherapy session. This event will be sponsored by the Old Rochester Regional School Health Advisory Council through funds from the Massachusetts Health Protection Grant. It will take place in the cafeteria at the high school at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 14 — which happens to be "Kick Butts Day."

Ms. Coykendall explained: "'Kick Butts Day' is a

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■ ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday, March 9 — Baked chicken, ham sandwich, rice, peas, fresh fruit, milk.
Wednesday, March 10— Hot ham sandwich, bologna sandwich, potato puffs, corn, fresh fruit, milk.
Thursday, March 11 — Steak'Ums, ham sandwich, potato puffs, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.
Friday, March 12— French bread pizza, tuna salad sandwich, macaroni salad, fresh fruit, milk.

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION

Monday, March 8 — Chicken breast l'orange, red bliss potatoes, sliced carrots, multi-grain roll, fruit in light syrup.
Tuesday, March 9 — Spaghetti with meatballs, tossed salad with dressing, Vienna bread, cookie.
Wednesday, March 10 — Beef barley soup, beef strip steak with gravy, spring blend vegetables, light rye bread, fresh fruit.
Thursday, March 11 — Turkey stew with vegetables, whipped potatoes, oatmeal bread, tapioca pudding.
Friday, March 12 — Seafood newburg, fluffy white rice, garden peas, muffin, fruit in light syrup.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 8 — Chicken nuggets, rib-b-que roll, crispy oven fries, carrots, fruit, pudding, milk.
Tuesday, March 9 — Ham and cheese croissant, toasted cheese, cole slaw, pickle, soup, veggie sticks, cookie, milk.
Wednesday, March 10 — American chop suey, garlic bread, meatball sub, tossed salad, fruit, jello, milk.
Thursday, March 11 — Turkey and gravy, Steak'Um on a roll, mashed potatoes, peas, fruit, cookie, milk.
Friday, March 12 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tuna roll/pocket, soup, salad, fruit, assorted dessert, milk.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS and ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Monday, March 8 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, Steak'Um and cheese sub, whipped potatoes/gravy, seasoned carrots, chilled pineapple, strawberry jello with topping.
Tuesday, March 9— Cheese pizza, sausage pizza, hot pastrami sub, chicken salad sub, oven fries, baked beans, mixed fruit, oatmeal walnut cookie.
Wednesday, March 10— Taco boat with all the fixings, grilled cheese sandwich, mac rib sub, Spanish rice, Mexican salad, chilled peaches, baked custard with topping.
Thursday, March 11— French meat pie with gravy, shaved turkey club, hot ham and cheese, au gratin potatoes, corn, chilled applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.
Friday, March 12 — Cheese pizza, Italian spice pizza, scrambled eggs with cinnamon bun, tuna salad pocket, Steak'Um and cheese sub, potato puffs, mixed fruit, apple squares.

■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 8— CHINESE DAY: Teriyaki chicken dippers, chicken chow mein with noodles, sweet and sour pork chop, steamed rice, Oriental vegetables, chilled pineapple, fortune cookie.
Tuesday, March 9— PORTUGUESE DAY: Linguiça pizza, linguiça patty sub, hot pastrami grinder, baked beans, salad, oven fries, mixed fruit, rice pudding with topping.
Wednesday, March 10— SPANISH DAY: Taco boat with all the fixings, double beef and cheese burrito, salsa, chili with nacho chips, Spanish rice, Mexican salad, jalapeno peppers, chilled peaches, baked custard with topping.
Thursday, March 11 — FRENCH DAY: French meat pie with gravy, ham and cheese quiche, shaved turkey croissant, au gratin potatoes, peas, chilled applesauce, chocolate mousse with topping.
Friday, March 12 — LATIN DAY: Vegetable minestrone soup, baked lasagna, Italian spice pizza, Italian sausage grinder with grated mozzarella, antipasto, garlic bread, apple square with topping.

■ FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, March 8 — Sloppy Joe on a bun, turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.
Tuesday, March — Baked chicken, ham sandwich, rice, peas, fresh fruit, milk.
Wednesday, March 10 — Hot ham sandwich, bologna sandwich, potato puffs, corn, fresh fruit, milk.
Thursday, March 11 — Steak'Ums, ham sandwich, potato puffs, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.
Friday, March 12 — French bread pizza, tuna salad sandwich, macaroni salad, fresh fruit, milk.

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL FAIRHAVEN

Monday, March 8— Meatball grinder, grated mozzarella, hot dog on a roll, chicken salad pocket, baked beans, potato puffs, mixed fruit, strawberry jello with topping.
Tuesday, March 9— Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, hot ham and cheese, one-and-a-half grilled cheese, tossed salad, green beans, chilled applesauce, oatmeal cookie.
Wednesday, March 10 — Roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, glazed baked ham, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled pears, baked custard with topping.
Thursday, March 11 — Sausage pizza, cheese pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, shaved turkey club, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.
Friday, March 12 — Cheesy macaroni twists, potato crunch fish nuggets, steak and cheese grinder, mac rib sub, oven fries, broccoli, chilled peaches, apple squares.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, March 8 — Chicken nuggets, rib-b-que roll, crispy oven fries, carrots, fruit, pudding, milk.
Tuesday, March 9 — Ham and cheese croissant, toasted cheese, cole slaw, pickle, soup, veggie sticks, cookie, milk.
Wednesday, March 10— American chop suey, garlic bread, meatball sub, tossed salad, fruit, jello, milk.
Thursday, March 11 — Turkey and gravy, Steak'Um on a roll, mashed potatoes, peas, fruit, cookie, milk.
Friday, March 12 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tuna roll/pocket, soup, salad, fruit, assorted dessert, milk.

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 8— Soup, rib-b-que, spicy fries, broccoli, chilled peaches.
Tuesday, March 9— Grilled hot dog, baked beans, chips, wax beans, chocolate cake.
Wednesday, March 10— Fruit, juice, Sloppy Joe, rice, mixed vegetables, assorted pudding.
Thursday, March 11 — Turkey and gravy over mashed potatoes, carrots and peas, roll, spice cake.
Friday, March 12 — Pizza, tuna roll, French fries, corn, dessert.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 8 — Chicken nuggets, rib-b-que roll, crispy oven fries, carrots, fruit, pudding, milk.
Tuesday, March 9 — Ham and cheese croissant, toasted cheese, cole slaw, pickle, soup, veggie sticks, cookie, milk.
Wednesday, March 10 — American chop suey, garlic bread, meatball sub, tossed salad, fruit, jello, milk.
Thursday, March 11 — Turkey and gravy, Steak'Um on a roll, mashed potatoes, peas, fruit, cookie, milk.
Friday, March 12 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tuna roll/pocket, soup, salad, fruit, assorted dessert, milk.

■ ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, March 8— Soup, ravioli with meat sauce, grilled ham and cheese, carrots, garlic bread, fruit, juice or milk.
Tuesday, March 9 — Soup, shepherd's pie, chicken fritters, applesauce, roll, fruit, juice or milk.
Wednesday, March 10— Soup, pork roast, chicken burger, mashed potato, corn, applesauce, roll, fruit, juice or milk.
Thursday, March 11 — Soup, chicken fillet, BBQ ribs, lettuce, tomato, oven puffs, pudding, juice or milk.
Friday, March 12 — Chicken parmesan, linguiça patty, oven fries, pickle, fruit, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, March 8 — Chicken nuggets, rib-b-que roll, crispy oven fries, carrots, fruit, pudding, milk.
Tuesday, March 9 — Ham and cheese croissant, toasted cheese, cole slaw, pickle, soup, veggie sticks, cookie, milk.
Wednesday, March 10 — American chop suey, garlic bread, meatball sub, tossed salad, fruit, jello, milk.
Thursday, March 11 — Turkey and gravy, Steak'Um on a roll, mashed potatoes, peas, fruit, cookie, milk.
Friday, March 12 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tuna roll/pocket, soup, salad, fruit, assorted dessert, milk.

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day when young advocates will participate in a variety of activities to educate people about the dangers of tobacco and to limit kids' access to tobacco products. Students in schools across the country plan events with the help of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. It is very timely that the school would be sponsoring a quit smoking event on that day to help both adults and students in our communities kick their addiction to nicotine."

Interested smokers should call Judith Coykendall at 748-3531 to register for one or more of these events. The PACT Program serves the Boards of Health of Acushnet, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester through a grant from the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program, part of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Daffodil Days Campaign

Even though there is a winter chill in the air, the American Cancer Society is already looking forward to spring with their annual Daffodil Days Campaign. The daffodil is the first flower of spring and, as such,

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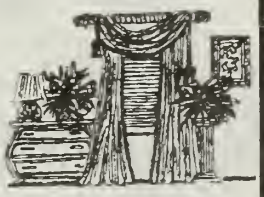

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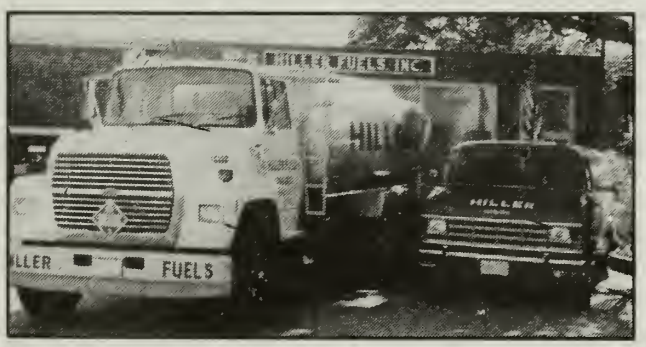

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Local Police Logs

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 21 through February 27, 1999:

• Delano Road – animal complaint
• Point Road – vandalism/past
• Spring Street – motor vehicle theft/past
• Mill Street – motor vehicle complaint
• Parkway Lane – motor vehicle complaint
• Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
• Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Stoney Run Lane – annoying phone calls
• Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Barnabas Road – motor vehicle theft/past
• Front Street – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
• Rogers Drive – officer wanted
• Delano Road – general disturbance
• Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Front Street – suspicious activity
• Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Spring Street – youths in street
• Hiller Street – youths in street
• Front Street – larceny/past
• Front Street – animal complaint
• Front Street – officer wanted
• Bell Guzzle Lane – youths in street
• Mill Street – officer wanted
• Front Street – animal complaint
• Front Street – vandalism/past
• Front Street – general offense
• Wareham Road – disturbance
• Point Road – disturbance
• Rogers Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
• Mill Street – motor vehicle complaint.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 21 through February 27, 1999:

• County Road – returned property
• County Road – suspicious activity
• Water Street – domestic disturbance/simple assault
• Water Street – juvenile arrest (domestic abuse)
• Acushnet Road – motor vehicle accident
• Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident
• Brandt Island Road – larceny of cell phone
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident
• Oakland Street – burglary/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
• Fairhaven Road – parking complaint
• Beacon Street – suspicious activity
• North Street – suspicious activity
• County Road – suspicious male
• Prospect Road – civil complaint
• Dexter Lane – obscene phone calls
• Meadowbrook Lane – minor motor vehicle accident
• North Street – motor vehicle accident
• Harbor Beach – youth on go-cart
• North Street – officer wanted
• Hi-On-A-Hill Road – tree branch on wires
• North Street – motor vehicle accident
• Barlow Lane – complaint on snow plowing
• North Road – go-cart in road
• Industrial Drive – motor vehicle accident
• Water Street – car stuck in snow
• Wildwood Terrace – suspicious motor vehicle
• Silver Shell Avenue – vehicles in road.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 23 through March 1, 1999:

• Dexter Lane – mistaken 911 call
• High Street – animal complaint
• Pine Street – officer wanted
• Snipatuit Road – animal complaint
• County Road – motor vehicle accident
• Braley Hill Road – motor vehicle accident
• Hartley Road – road hazard
• Mattapoisett Road – minor motor vehicle accident
• Mary's Pond Road – large branch in road
• Walnut Plain Road – minor motor vehicle accident
• Police Department – minor motor vehicle accident
• Vaughan Hill Road – officer wanted
• New Bedford Road – motor vehicle accident
• Walnut Plain Road – motor vehicle accident
• Mary's Pond Road – motor vehicle accident
• New Bedford Road – motor vehicle accident
• High Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Neck Road – animal complaint
• Walnut Plain Road – adult arrest (warrant)
• Mattapoisett Road – larceny
• High Street – trespassing
• North Avenue – adult arrest (warrant).

symbolizes hope and renewed life for cancer patients and their families.

This year's Daffodil Days Campaign will be March 22 to 28 with delivery in the Greater New Bedford area on Tuesday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 24. A bouquet of 10 daffodils is only $5. You can also purchase a "Gift of Hope" for $10, which is a bouquet of 10 daffodils in a vase which is delivered anonymously to a cancer patient in an area hospital or nursing home. This is a wonderful way to give and brighten someone's day at the same time!

Area residents and longtime volunteers Gertrude Lowe and Ginny Morrison are co-chairpersons of the event. "Daffodils are the first sign of spring and a symbol of hope," Ms. Lowe said. "Receiving a bouquet of daffodils just makes everyone's day. I always look forward to working with the wonderful group of area volunteers who help with the Daffodil Days Campaign."

This vital fund-raiser sustain's the American Cancer Society's local programs of research, prevention, detection, education, and patient services. To place your daffodil order, please call your local ACS office at 996-0166. The deadline for ordering daffodils is March 5.

Millicent Library - Fairhaven

Online Database

The Millicent Library announces the arrival of a new online database available through the library's internet connection. "SIRS Researcher on the Web" provides instant access to thousands of full-text articles and graphics on social, scientific, health, historic, economic, business, political, and global issues. The database was developed to meet the day-to-day research needs of everyone — from young people to adults. Teens and adults may access the "SIRS" database by signing up to use the library's internet computer.

For library patrons with home computers and a valid library card from their public library, it is also possible to access a new database from home called "SEARCHBANK." All you have to do is go to the following address: http://www.searchbank.com/searchbank/mlin_s_remote, and type in your library barcode. "SEARCHBANK" consists of four mostly full-text databases covering general reference, academic subjects, health and business. SEARCHBANK is available on the library's internet computer as well as at home.

The Millicent Library has been able to greatly expand the information services it offers with the arrival of internet databases. The staff is always happy to assist with questions.

Country Fair at St. Joseph's School

Saint Joseph School in Fairhaven will be holding its third Annual Country Fair and Yard Sale on Saturday, May 22 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in the school yard. The event will feature a food court, Chinese auction, craft tables, flea market, children's games, music, cow chip contest, raffles, giant yard sale, and more. They are currently seeking crafters and flea marketers for the event. The space would be approximately 10' x 12', and the donation for the space is $25 plus a donation to the Chinese auction.

For an application, please call the school at 996-1983, or you may stop by and pick one up. Saint Joseph School is located at 100 Spring Street in Fairhaven. Deadline for application is April 30, 1999.

Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly

The Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoisett are having a Saint Patrick's Party at the Council on Aging Center on March 17 from 12:00 noon until 2:30 pm. Tickets may be obtained from Cynthia at the center. The closing date to obtain tickets (so they know how many are attending) is March 12.

Sippican Rod and Gun Club

The Sippican Rod and Gun Club located on Dexter Lane in Rochester will be holidng the following National Rifle Association (NRA) approved courses at their facility:

• NRA Basic Pistol Course - May 7, 8 and 9 with registration deadline of April 7. This course is now a legal requirement for getting a permit to carry. Course fee is $100 and will teach the basic knowledge, skills and

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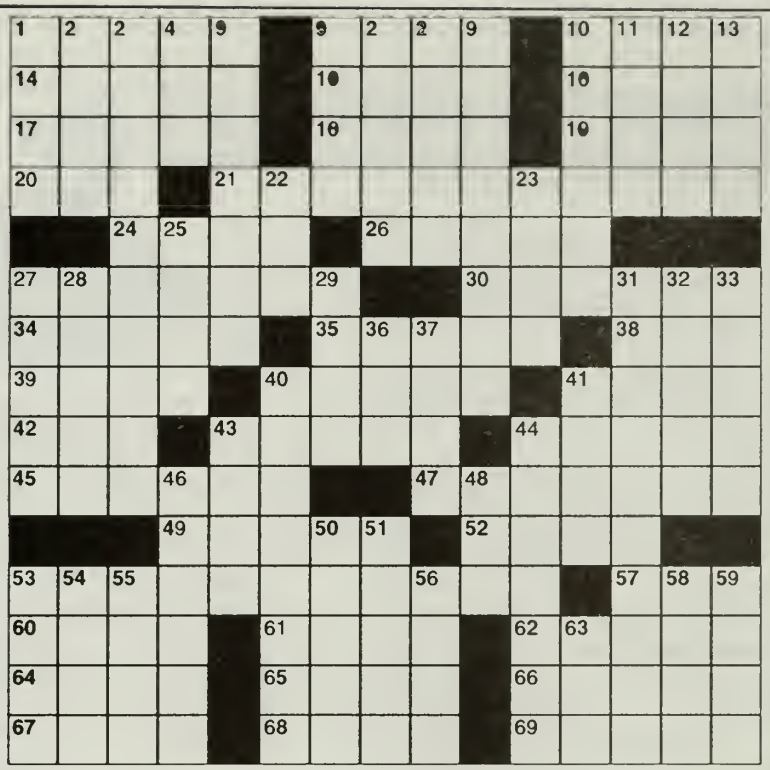

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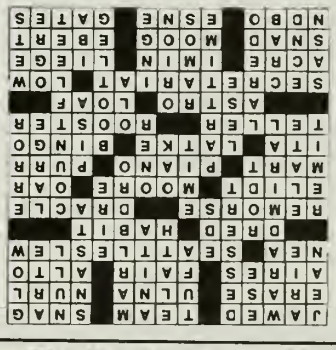

The Wanderer is available on the internet at:

http://www.wanderer.com

Stop by and check it out!

This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Teamwork is required, but it's also quite easy. Things could be taken out of your hands and finished before you even have a chance to give the orders.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Your assignment is to lay low and take notes. A person who thinks he or she knows everything wants to tell you what to do.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You could cinch a deal that would open up all kinds of new horizons for you. Looks like the sky's the limit, and maybe not even that.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). These days are about money, specifically money you can get from other people. This could be loans or grants, or even some sort of insurance plan.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You may feel tired. Your best plan of action is to hand the assignment over to somebody else.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may feel you've got almost more work than you can handle. Get feedback from the people you're trying to serve, so you can put the right habits into place.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The intensity of a conversation you have today with a loved one may startle you. If you want this person to lighten up, just make the commitment.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Looks like you'd rather stay home than do just about anything else. If you can manage to pull that off, you definitely should.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What you're learning could propel you into all sorts of new adventures, and you're definitely in the mood to study. Soak it up.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your problem is not acquiring money, it's knowing what to do with it, how to spend it wisely or where to invest it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The new moon is in your sign, and that gives you awesome powers. Don't focus inward help others instead.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Your smile can move mountains. Use it where it'll do the most good. Don't get sidetracked. Accidents could occur if you're not paying attention.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: You're incredibly powerful this year. Be careful. You may not know your own strength.

attitude necessary for owning and using a pistol safely. The 14-hour course will cover pistol knowledge and safe gun handling, ammunition, knowledge and fundamentals of pistol shooting, firing the first shots, one- and two-handed standing positions. For more information, please contact Larry Bibeau at 995-6708 (caplock@ma.ultranet.com).

Other upcoming courses will include NRA Basic Rifle Shooting, NRA Basic Shotgun Shooting, and NRA Personal Protection Program. You may also get more information and enroll on the internet at www.ultranet.com/~srgc.

Tri-Town Phone Book Advertising

Renewal forms for the 1999 Marion/Mattapoisett/Rochester Telephone Directory (the "Blue Book") were mailed to all advertisers early last month, just in time to avoid the rise in postal rates. The directory's publisher, the local League of Women Voters, urges any advertiser who has not returned this form to do so as soon as possible. If the renewal form was not received or a replacement is needed, write or call the editors: Claire and John Russell, 42 Stoney Run Lane, Marion, MA 02738; telephone 748-2542 and a copy will be sent out promptly. If the editors cannot be reached, please call Jay Crowley at 748-0117.

The Marion/Mattapoisett/Rochester Directory, in which each town is listed separately, is mailed free to every postal address in the three towns. During the year, any newcomer, individual or business may pick up a free copy at The Bookstall in Marion. Income from the LWV Directory helps finance the League of Women Voters' local efforts, particularly its Voter Service activities and grants to local school programs.

Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee

On March 8, March 22, and April 5, the focus will shift to the all-important work of adopting implementation strategies which can be supported by the community and which are likely to get the job done. This will include land use and design controls, resource protection strategies, administrative capacity and budget issues, and the need for expanded community partnerships and initiatives. A draft Master Plan will follow by late April.

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall and are open to the public.

Marion Natural History Museum

The Marion Natural History Museum is once again sponsoring a series of After-School and Adult Programs focusing on some of the natural habitats in the tri-town area. The programs are geared toward the notion of learning by doing, as participants are taken on nature walks and field trips to study "life in the wild." Some of the upcoming programs include:

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a pubic hearing on the proposed Common Driveway By-law.

Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at 7:30pm in the conference room of the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Copies of the proposed Common Driveway By-law are available in the Selectmen's Office between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday.
Janice M. Crook, Chairman 02/25, 03/04

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a . Public Hearing on the following applications and petitions:

Petition of Leonard and Joyce Almeida of 9 Dupont Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 9 Dupont Drive. The petitioners are seeking a Variance under Section VI.E of the Zoning By-Law to build an in-ground swimming pool which will not meet the required side or rear setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 14B, Lot 63, on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall New Conference Room on Thursday, March 18, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. #842

Petition of John Rogers, Trustee Artisans Realty Trust of 81 1/2 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 81 1/2 Fairhaven Road. The petitioner is seeking a Variance under Section VI.E of the Zoning By-Law to construct an 8 x 48 addition which will not meet the required side setback. The property is further described as Plat 21, Lot 107, on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall New Conference Room on Thursday, March 18, 1999 at 7:20 P.M. #843

Application of Georgia S. Glick of 21 Eliot Road, Lexington, MA 02421 re property located at 21 Noyes Avenue. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section III.A.2.b of the Zoning By-Law to construct a screen porch addition with second floor above and expansion of current deck closer than current zoning setback allows. The property is further described as Plat 12A, Lot 23, on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall New Conference Room on Thursday, March 18, 1999 at 7:40 P.M. #844

Application of Michael Cummings and Suzanna J. Seguin of 1 Acorn Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 1 Acorn Lane. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Section IIII.A.2.b of the Zoning By-Law to construct an addition which will not meet the required street setback. The property is further described as Plat 20, Lot 91 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall New Conference Room on Thursday, March 18, 1999 at 8:00 P.M. #845

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.
Sincerely,
Jeffrey R. Chase, Chairperson
Robert Bertrand
Nancy L. O'Brien
Girard F. Oliva
Jack McGill 3/4, 3/11

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PLANNING BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 15, 1999, at 7:45pm in the Conference Room of the Town Hall on proposed Zoning By-laws as follows:

A. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 4 Establishments of Districts of the Zoning By-laws of the by adding the following district at the end of section 4.1 Types:

"Telecommunication Facilities Overlay District," or take any action relating thereto.

Note: Section formerly numbered as section IV Establishment of Districts and A. Types.

B. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-laws by adding the following section:

"Article 10 Telecommunications Facilities Overlay District
10.1 Establishment of District
10.2 Purpose
10.3 Definition
10.4 General Requirements
10.5 Standards for Towers
10.6 Standards for Roof-Mounted, Side Mounted Structures
10.7 Requirements for Findings
10.8 Modification of Approved Facility
10.9 Abandonment or Discontinuation of Use"

or take any other action thereto.

Complete text and copies of the proposed Zoning By-laws are available in the Town Clerk's office during normal office hours.
Barry Perkins, Clerk
Mattapoisett Planning Board 2/25, 3/4

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 1999, at 7:00pm in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 16 Main Street, upon the application of Bronie J. Apshaga, Wave Liquor Inc. d/b/a Village Package Store, 2-4 County Road, Mattapoisett to alter the premises located at 2-4 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.
Board of Selectmen
Paul E. Lambalot, Chairman
Michele C. Bernier, Clerk
Barry J. Denham 3/4, 3/11

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PUBLIC HEARING
CLASS II USED CAR DEALER'S LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall on Tuesday, March 16, 1999 at 8:00pm upon the application of David S. Thornton, sole proprietor of Mattapoisett Mobil Station, 37 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA for a Class II Used Car Dealer's License to be located at 37 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA.
Board of Selectmen
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• April 15 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm - After-School Program: Vernal Pools. Come explore fascinating creatures from small temporary springtime ponds. Teacher and naturalist Mary Beers of the Thornton Burgess Society will help participants look at pond water with microscopes in search of small daphnia and copepod, damselfly nymphs and other crustaceans and insect. They'll also look at the salamanders and other amphibians who use these "vernal pools" to lay eggs and listen to springtime amphibians sing and try to imitate these ampho-songs. Adults and children are welcome. Cost is $6 per participant and pre-registration is required.

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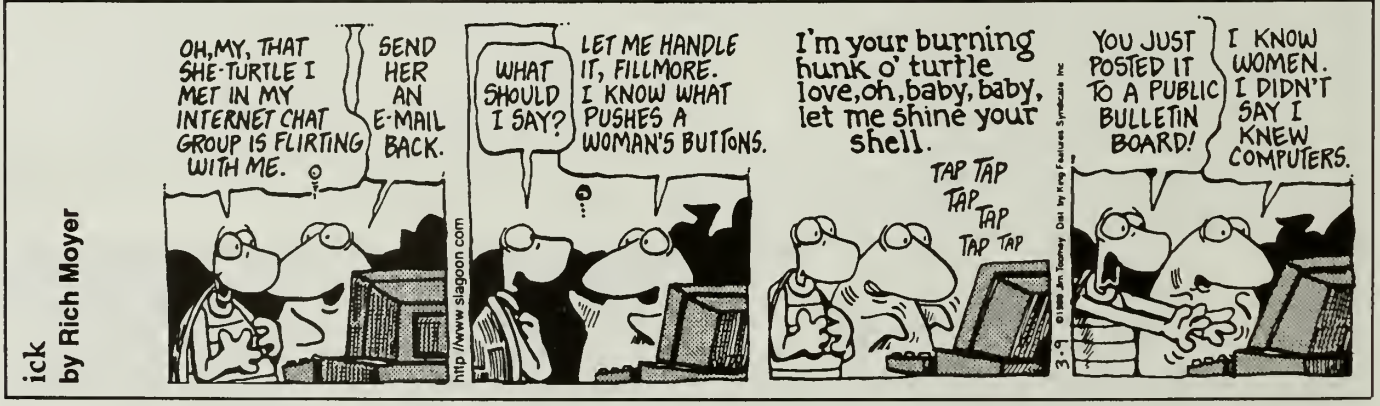

ORR School District

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Elizabeth Leatham, the School to Career Coordinator at Old Rochester Regional High School, is seeking after-school and weekend part-time positions for students at ORR. If you are a local business owner and would like some "extra help," please contact Ms. Leatham at ORR (758-3745) for the Jobs for Bulldogs program.

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As in past years, you need to call the Fire Department every day that you wish to burn to inquire if burning is allowed on that day. Please remember that grass, hay, leaves, stumps, tires, or building materials are prohibited. Only brush, cane, forestry debris from other than commercial or industrial land clearing operations may be burned.

Rochester Town Clerk

Nomination Papers

Nomination papers for elected town offices are available at the Town Clerk's office on Monday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 pm and Monday through Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Papers must be returned to the Town Clerk's office no later than 4:30 pm on Wednesday, March 24. If you have any questions, please contact Naida Parker at 763-3866.

The following positions will appear on the May 12, 1999 Annual Town Election ballot:

- Selectman (one seat, three years) - Richard Cutler, incumbent;
- Rochester Memorial School Committee (two seats, three years) - Shirley Bourque and Maureen Vieira, incumbents;
- ORR District School Committee (one seat, three years) - Kristine Nash, incumbent;
- Board of Library Trustees (two positions, three years) - Eunice Jenkins and Althea Fearing, incumbents;
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- Town Clerk (one seat, three years) - Naida Parker, incumbent;
- Tax Collector (one seat, three years) - Thomas Gayoski, Jr., incumbent;
- Treasurer (one seat, three years) - John Hall, incumbent;
- Herring Inspector (one seat, three years) - William D. Watling, Jr., incumbent.

The last day to register to vote in the May 12 election is April 20, 1999. The Annual Town Meeting will be held on May 10, 1999.

Census Forms

The Town of Rochester 1999 Census Forms are in the mail. Please fill out this very important document and return it to the Rochester Town Hall as soon as possible. If you do not receive one in the mail, please contact Naida Parker at 763-3866 and one will be mailed to you.

Dog Licenses

The Town of Rochester 1999 Dog Licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's office. The fee is $7 for neutered or spayed dogs, $10 for unneutered or unspayed animals, and kennel licenses are $30, $60 or $150. A mail-in dog license form is included in the 1999 census mailing for your convenience. If you have any questions, please

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The Sippican Seniors have planned the following public trips:

• March 24 - The Inn at Newport Beach, RI. Entertainment by the Dixieland Jamboree, lunch is choice of baked stuff scrod or baked stuffed chicken; shop at the Newport Brick Walk or Christmas Tree Shop, $39 per person.

• April 16 - A night at the Palace, Log Cabin, Holyoke. Includes a live stage show, lunch (choice of London broil or filet of sole), $48 per person.

• May 10 - 14 - Wildwood, NJ at Ocean Motel. Includes meals, two trips to Atlantic City with bonus Dixieland Cruise, visit to Cape May, $235 per person.

• May 19 - Frontier Frolics at Frontier Restaurant in West Yarmouth with entertainment by two of the "funniest guys" you've ever seen. Stop at Christmas Tree Shop, lunch is choice of seafood medley or prime rib, $39 per person.

• June 22 - Newport Playhouse. Comedy and buffet for $52 per person.

• July 8 - 10 - Horizon Inn, Mount Snow, VT. Includes meals, village farm and museum trip, boat cruise on Lake Whitingham, two nights of summer stock shows, shopping and touring, $265 per person.

• July 21 - Rhode Island Lobster Bake at Captain Jack's with choice of lobster or prime rib; also includes shopping in Wickford Center, $42 per person.

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March 5:	Fri.	9:53	10:13	3:13	3:21
March 6:	Sat.	10:34	10:55	3:45	3:52
March 7:	Sun.	11:17	11:41	4:19	4:26
March 8:	Mon.	. . .	12:04	4:56	5:05
March 9:	Tues.	12:32	12:58	5:40	5:50
March 10:	Wed.	1:26	1:56	6:33	6:45
March 11:	Thur.	2:26	2:56	7:37	7:50
March 12:	Fri.	3:24	3:53	8:49	9:01
March 13:	Sat.	4:19	4:45	9:57	10:08
March 14:	Sun.	5:09	5:33	10:53	11:07
March 15:	Mon.	5:57	6:19	11:42	11:58
March 16:	Tues.	6:43	7:04	. . .	12:26
March 17:	Wed.	7:28	7:49	12:47	1:09
March 18:	Thur.	8:13	8:34	1:34	1:53
March 19:	Fri.	9:00	9:22	2:21	2:36
March 20:	Sat.	9:48	10:12	3:09	3:22
March 21:	Sun.	10:39	11:05	3:59	4:09

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■ *8mm*. Starring Nicolas Cage and Joaquin Phoenix. Directed by Joel Schumacher. Running time: 123 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 140 in New Bedford.

There are some people, I'm sure, who will defend the pointlessly ugly and monotonous *8mm* because of those very qualities. It's dark, twisted, repulsive, daring! Let's stand back and admire the filmmakers' stark integrity! Uh, no, let's not. If I lifted a rock and pointed a camera at the squirming things underneath for two hours, would you praise my uncompromising vision? No, you'd say it's gross and stupid. *8mm* sets a new record for gross stupidity; it drags us through the dregs and doesn't even reward us with anything original.

A can of film is found in the secret vault of a recently deceased billionaire. It appears to be a snuff film — pornography climaxing in the murder of a teenage girl. The billionaire's widow hires private investigator Tom Welles (Nicolas Cage) to find out whether the film is real or faked. The assignment starts Tom — a family man with a wife (Catherine Keener) and baby daughter perpetually waiting at home — on a numbingly squalid odyssey through the porn underworld. Along the way, he picks up an unlikely partner — Max California (Joaquin Phoenix), a porn-shop clerk who seems to know every two-bit sleaze merchant on both coasts. They make a funny team for a while, a bit of levity on this grim journey, and the movie could have used a whole lot more of the quirky, smart Phoenix.

My expectations for *8mm* were split, because the director is Joel Schumacher, who either banalizes anything he touches (*A Time to Kill, Falling Down*) or turns it into eye candy for hyperactive kids (his two *Batman* movies); yet the screenwriter is Andrew Kevin Walker, who penned the diabolical serial-killer entry *Se7en*. Judging from *8mm* and *Se7en*, Walker likes to explore squalor and madness; his work on *Se7en* managed to be philosophical while packing a sensationalistic, *National Enquirer* wallop. Here, though, he just rubs our noses in slime, and it's less shocking than degrading and depressing. We get glimpses of pathetic men lurking in underground

fringe-porn shops, browsing videos of appalling taboo porn. It's as if Walker had just zeroed in on one deadly sin, lust, and the movie shows no sexuality — much less any erotica — that isn't diseased and foul. Anti-porn zealots should love *8mm*, yet another conservative movie in disguise.

In the past, good actors have saved Schumacher from disaster, but nobody here — not the usually amusing James Galdolfini (as a sleaze-porn producer), not the hatchet-faced Peter Stormare (as "Dino Velvet," a gonzo-porn director in the mold of Gregory Dark), and especially not poor Catherine Keener, stuck at home whining on the phone while cuddling her baby in every possible shot — can do much with their roles. Nicolas Cage, too, seems to be coasting; this is essentially his yearning, puppy-eyed performance from *City of Angels*, a fatal mistake here. Such a sensitive, floppy-eared soul hardly seems credible as a private investigator (he also sets a movie record for gun-dropping). All Cage has going for him is his decency and determination to crack the mystery.

But then it's such a *lame* mystery. *8mm* reminded me of a parade of far better films: *The Silence of the Lambs* was better at detailing the sadness of self-hating girls kidnapped and killed to satisfy evil pleasures; *Strange Days* and *Videodrome* got deeper into the implications of snuff films; *Man Bites Dog*, a great obscure film from 1993, probed the stark pornography of murder in ways that were truly shocking; *Hardcore*, modelled on John Ford's *The Searchers*, had a more compelling narrative arrow (the father rescuing his wayward daughter); and *Se7en* at least provided a damn *motive* for its killer, twisted though it was.

What's repulsive about *8mm* isn't what it shows us; it's that it shows us these things and then tells us there's no meaning to any of it. In *8mm*, we keep getting spritzed with callow nihilism: People make snuff films "because they can," people watch young girls butchered because they "felt like it," people kill and torture because they "want to." There's no answer; this is how the world is. Gee, thanks, guys. The true meaning of that girl's death, finally, is a big opening weekend for Columbia.

Movie Listings

■ CINEMA 140

376 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA.
Movie Lines: 999-6577, 999-4233 / Office: 999-4240.

Friday (March 5) through Thursday (March 11)

8 mm (R) – Fri: 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00;
Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 9:00

Hilary & Jackie (PG) – *One Week Only!* Fri: 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00;
Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon-Thu: 6:15, 8:45

October Sky (PG) – Fri: 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:15;
Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 6:45, 9:15

Shakespeare in Love (R) – Fri: 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30;
Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 8:45

Analyze This* (R) – Fri: 2:20, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00;
Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:20, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00; Mon-Thu: 6:45, 9:00

Office Space* (R) – Fri: 2:45, 4:45, 7:00, 9:00;
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The Rugrats Movie (G) – 1:50, 4:00
Payback (R) – 1:40, 4:10, 7:20, 9:30
Varsity Blues (R) – 6:40, 8:50
Patch Adams (PG-13) – 6:50, 9:10
Rushmore (R) – 1:40, 4:40, 7:00, 9:00
Cruel Intentions (R) – 1:10, 1:50, 3:10, 4:30, 5:10, 6:40, 7:10, 8:40, 9:20
She's All That (PG-13) – 1:00, 3:10, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
The Prince of Egypt (PG) – 1:50, 4:00
The Other Sister (PG-13) – 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:10
Message in a Bottle (PG-13) – 1:20, 3:50, 6:40, 9:10
Blast from the Past (PG-13) – 1:30, 4:10, 6:30, 8:50
200 Cigarettes (PG) – 1:20, 4:20, 6:50, 9:00
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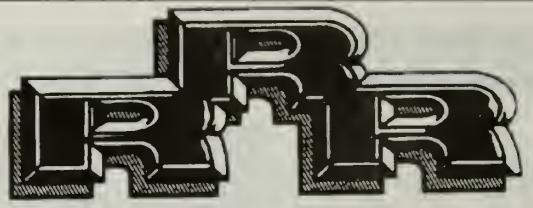

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